GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN COARSE CLOTH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coarse cloth during the last three years, year wise;

(b) whether it is sufficient to meet domestic demand;

(c) whether some textile mills have faced closure leading to decline in production and have rendered many labourers jobless; and

(d) the steps to check this trend ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) The data on total production of coarse cloth is not separately available. However, the total and sector-wise production of cloth during the last three years is as follows:-

(in million sq. mtrs.)

Sector	2000-2001	2001-2002	2001-2002 (April-Sept)	2002-2003(p) April-September
Mill	1670	1546	778	765
Powerloom	23803	25192	12517	13391
Handloom	7506	7585	3871	2958
Hosiery	6696	7067	3416	3872
TOTAL	38006	39845	19804	20221

(P) Provisional

(b) Yes, Sir. The per capita availability of cloth is increasing over the years. During 2001-02 per capita availability of cloth registered an increase of 4.2 per cent to 31.97 Sqr. Mtr. from 30.68 Sqr. Mtr. in 2000-2001.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)The steps taken by the Ministry of Textiles to check this trend include provision of compensation to displaced workers in the mill sector through the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) and implementation of plan schemes for creation of job opportunities like the Apparel Parks and the Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS).